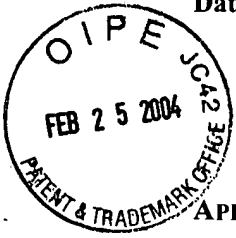


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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 25, 2003

A. Introductory Comments

This paper is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2003 (Paper No. 16), and further in reply to the Examiner's Advisory Action, mailed December 30, 2003.

Applicants concurrently submit herewith a Petition for a three-month Extension of Time and the corresponding fee. With the extension, this Response is due on or before February 25, 2004. A Notice of Appeal, and corresponding fee, also accompany this Response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference 19705-010.

Consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.